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AMENDMENT

This Application Is Made Special Under Rule 102(c)

In the claims:

Amend the claims as follows.

Delete claims 1 to 32, and insert therefor, new claims 33 to 57, as follows.

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Claim 33. (New) A bowler's finger pad shield for protecting a finger pad from the force produced when applying lift to a bowling ball, to rotate or spin the ball at its release, comprising:

- a) a finger pad shield with an open end adapted for insertion of a finger pad, said finger pad shield including a first surface and a second surface, extending from said open end; said first surface including a contact area located proximate said open end and positioned relative to said open end to receive a finger pad,
- c) said second surface is opposed to said first surface;
- d) said finger pad shield is adapted for insertion into the finger hole of a bowling ball, to place said second surface in contact with a bowling ball finger hole; and wherein
- d) said finger pad shield includes at least one fastener to hold said contact area in a fixed relationship with a finger pad; wherein a force produced in the release and lifting of the bowling ball, is spread over said contact area.

Claim 34. The bowler's finger pad shield of claim 33, wherein said at least one fastener is a strap.